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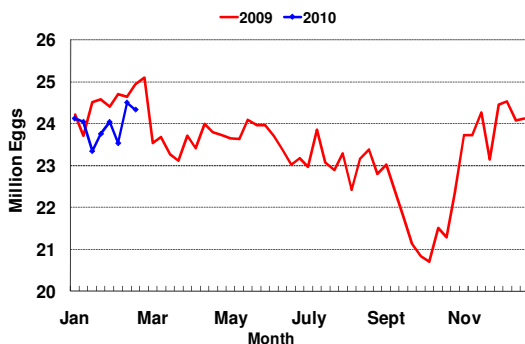
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down Slightly from Last Year

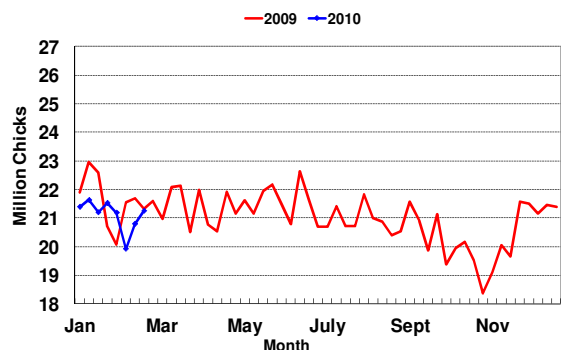
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.3 million during the week ending February 20, 2010. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2009 but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 20, 2010, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down slightly from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2009-2010



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2009-2010



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 23, 2010 - February 20, 2010

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 23-Jan | 30-Jan | 6-Feb | 13-Feb | 20-Feb | 23-Jan | 30-Jan | 6-Feb | 13-Feb | 20-Feb |
| | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | <i>Thousand</i> | | | | |
| Alabama | 29,409 | 29,594 * | 29,372 | 29,791 | 30,066 | 20,667 | 20,508 | 20,420 | 20,296 * | 20,812 |
| Arkansas | 23,757 * | 24,040 * | 23,537 | 24,504 * | 24,334 | 21,535 | 21,191 | 19,920 | 20,798 * | 21,258 |
| Delaware | 3,010 | 2,948 | 3,225 | 3,269 | 3,266 | 4,521 | 5,062 | 4,577 | 4,512 | 3,911 |
| Florida | 1,378 | 1,388 | 1,389 | 1,352 | 1,376 | 962 | 820 | 1,081 | 1,029 | 1,104 |
| Georgia | 31,567 | 31,126 * | 31,757 | 31,630 * | 31,902 | 25,827 | 26,391 | 25,908 | 26,329 * | 25,852 |
| Kentucky | 7,758 * | 7,848 * | 7,702 * | 7,682 * | 7,660 | 6,564 | 6,555 | 6,138 | 6,289 | 6,235 |
| Louisiana | 3,439 | 3,439 | 3,470 | 3,392 | 3,470 | 2,932 | 2,965 | 2,955 | 2,929 | 3,014 |
| Maryland | 8,872 | 8,107 | 8,741 | 8,904 | 9,069 | 6,008 | 5,104 | 6,252 | 5,800 | 5,808 |
| Mississippi | 18,727 | 19,031 * | 19,281 | 19,335 | 19,016 | 16,016 | 15,903 | 16,484 | 16,259 | 16,617 |
| N. Carolina | 18,356 | 18,362 * | 18,919 | 18,632 | 18,864 | 14,936 | 15,235 | 15,072 | 14,868 | 15,011 |
| Oklahoma | 6,835 | 6,634 * | 7,151 | 7,095 * | 7,015 | 5,442 | 4,260 | 4,305 | 4,557 | 4,863 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,570 | 3,330 | 3,168 | 3,663 * | 3,601 | 3,016 | 3,099 | 2,957 | 2,889 * | 2,694 |
| S. Carolina | 5,820 | 5,830 | 5,435 | 5,515 | 5,675 | 5,043 | 4,813 | 4,613 | 4,952 | 4,982 |
| Texas | 14,862 | 15,744 | 15,877 | 15,662 * | 16,141 | 12,712 | 12,785 | 12,407 | 12,239 * | 12,960 |
| Virginia | 6,155 | 6,301 | 6,301 | 6,490 | 6,435 | 4,913 | 5,154 | 4,412 | 4,731 | 4,948 |
| CA,MO,TN & WV | 18,516 | 18,197 | 18,769 | 18,871 * | 19,011 | 14,974 | 15,613 | 15,757 | 16,067 * | 15,804 |
| 19 State Total | 202,031 * | 201,919 * | 204,094 * | 205,787 * | 206,901 | 166,068 | 165,458 | 163,258 | 164,544 * | 165,873 |
| Prev. Year Total | 201,674 | 198,417 | 201,805 | 202,817 | 204,603 | 167,469 | 166,670 | 168,018 | 167,039 | 163,431 |
| % of Prev. Year | 100 | 102 | 101 | 101 | 101 | 99 | 99 | 97 | 99 | 101 |

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2010. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2010. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through February 20, 2010 were 1.16 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.